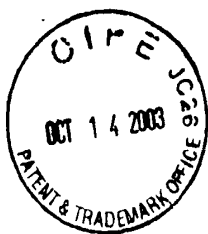


2876



Docket No.: 1341.1107

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroaki KAWAI

Serial No. 00/055,070

Group Art Unit 2876

Confirmation No. 1921

Filed: September 20, 2001

Examiner: LEE, DIANE I

For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR READING

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir,

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on October 11, 2003 (Saturday) and Monday, October 13, 2003 being a Federal Holiday.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

RECEIVED
OCT 17 2003
TECHNICAL UNIT 2876

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The drawings are amended as described below by presenting replacement figures as attached hereto.